	Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
XXIX.	41. Miscellaneous	19,500	To meet increased demands under the head "41.—Miscellaneous Miscellaneous."
XXXV.	D.H. Loan to the Port Conservancy Board,- Cochin for Harbour works, etc.	1,44,633	For payment of this Government's share (one-third) payable during the current financial year 1939-40 towards the cost of the proposed construction of a warehouse in the wharf area on the Willingdon Island and for other Harbour Works during 1115.
XXXIV.	D. H. Other Loans	1,52,678	For grant of a temporary loan to the State Aided Bank of Travancore, Ltd.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Demand I—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 500 under Demand I—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income. The purpose for which this sum is required is to meet the travelling allowance to the Deputy Income Tax Commissioner and his staff. A sum of Rs. 3,1.0 was sanctioned in the Budget for the year, out of which about Rs. 520 had to be paid for the claims of last year and that is the reason why the amount for this year fell short by that amount. I can assure the House that in the present year the expenditure will be regulated so that there may not be any claims of this year to be paid in the next year. So, I request the House to sanction the additional grant of Rs. 500.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

Demand IX---Medical.

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose (*Surgeon-General*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,600 under Demand IX—Medical Department, for special repairs to the Ophthalmic Hospital Buildings at Trivandrum. This amount is required to meet the cost of the repairs that have to be carried out in the main building in the Ophthalmic Hospital. The building being a very old one, there were many cracks and crevices in the floors and walls and the

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plastering was crumbling to pieces. Various kinds of vermin and germs were found in these cracks. The annual repairs that were carried out every year could only improve the condition temporarily. In Vrischigom last the wards had to be closed and in-patients had to be removed for about three weeks because of an outbreak of chicken-pox, and this was taken advantage of to carry out the repairs in a more satisfactory manner. The old plastering was removed and the walls replastered ; concrete flooring was provided for the rooms upstairs and the wooden work was cleaned and varnished and re-painted. All these repairs have considerably improved the the building and made it more sanitary. These repairs were absolutely necessary. I trust that this House will pass the demand.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether this purpose could not wait till provision was made in the ordinary course in the budget for the next year ?

Vaidyasastrakusala Dr. (Mrs.) M. Poonen Lukose : I have already explained that patchwork repairs were being done every year, that did not improve matters appreciably. I have also stated that at the time of the outbreak of the chicken-pox in the Hospital the in-patient wards had to be closed and that occasion was taken advantage of for carrying out the repair works thoroughly. It would not be possible to do the repairs so throughly when patients are crowded in the wards which would be the case if we waited for the grant to be passed in the next budget session.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

DEMAND X—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*) : Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,050 for additional T. A. to the District Health Officers. This amount was found necessary on account of the unexpected outbreak of plague in certain parts of the State. Therefore the District Health Officers have had to undertake considerable travelling for efficiently supervising the arrangements. The T. A. already provided was found to be insufficient and therefore I am requesting the House to pass this amount.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : How many District Health Officers are there in the State now ?

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : There are two ; one is at Kottayam and the other is at Neyyattinkara.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I take it that Rs. 525 is required for each of the District Health Officers for the remaining months of the year ?

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